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SUBJECT: WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FUND FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND RECONCILIATION IN INDOCHINA

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1. WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, FEDERATION OF PROTESTANT
DENOMINATIONS BASED IN GENEVA, HAS ESTABLISHED FUND FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND RECONCILIATION IN INDOCHINA. FUND RUN
BY 15 MEMBER COMMITTEE WHICH MEETS TWICE YEARLY. LAST
MEETING WAS JULY IN VIENTIANE AND COMMITTEE NOW PLANNING
FEBRUARY MEETING, POSSIBLY ALSO IN VIENTIANE, ALTHOUGH
SITE HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED.

2. FUND PREVIOUSLY SOLICITED 5 MILLION DOLS IN CONTRIBU-
TIONS WHICH WERE OVERSUBSCRIBED AND IS NOW IN MIDST OF
RAISING SECOND 5 MILLION DOLS. SOME MONEY HAS SUPPORTED
MEDICAL TEAM IN CAMBODIA WHILE 200,000 DOLS HAS BEEN
DEVOTED TO 'AGRICULTURAL RECONSTRUCTION' IN LAOS AND
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100,000 DOLS TO REBUILD 50 CHURCHES AND MULTIPURPOSE

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS WHICH WERE 'DESTROYED' IN LAOS, INCLUDING PLAINE DES JARRES. LAO FUNDS CHANNELED THROUGH 'NATIONAL' EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF LAOS. FUND ALSO AFFILIATED WITH ASIAN CHRISTIAN SERVICE WHICH RUNS HOSPITAL IN SAVANNAKHET.

3. ABOVE PROVIDED BY DR. HARRY HAINES, SOLE U.S. MEMBER OF FUND 15 MEMBER COMMITTEE WHICH ALSO INCLUDES FIVE MEMBERS FROM INDOCHINA AND FIVE FROM OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FUND IS ERNEST FOGG, 197/1 SILON ROAD, SUITE 504, BANGKOK. SISCO

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